

## *No. 20 – Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

### **Region Acceptance Process Summary**

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#### **General Description of Region**

The Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey County (Monterey Peninsula) Integrated Regional Water Managements (IRWM) Region covers the coastal areas by the City of Monterey and Carmel, in Monterey County. The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) includes the Big Sur Land Trust, City of Monterey, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The Monterey Peninsula Region boundary encompasses 350 square miles mostly located in the urbanized areas of Monterey County.

The interview discussions centered on the concerns of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), Monterey Peninsula's IRWM Region boundary, and governance concerns. The RWMG is aware of DAC water needs in this Region and they are working with these communities. A significant amount of time was devoted to discussing the boundary of the IRWM Region, and the reason for it being separate from the Greater Monterey County IRWM Region, which covers the remainder of Monterey County.

#### **Interview Conclusions- Approved**

The RWMG representative described the historical, hydrological, and political perspectives to justify the continuation of the Monterey Peninsula IRWM Region boundary as a distinct region from the Greater Monterey County and the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Regions. No changes to this IRWM Region's boundaries are suggested by DWR.